

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. **(Original)** A method of managing acoustic feedback in a hearing aid, characterized by
  - using a multi (two or more) channel type of filter hereby splitting the frequency range up in two or more separate parts
  - determining the maximum allowable gain in at least one frequency range before feedback occurs
  - monitoring the volume control in such a way, that if the maximum allowable gain before feedback occurs is reached or exceeded, the gain is manipulated for an offending frequency range.
2. **(Currently amended)** A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the determination of maximum allowable gain and the ~~monitoring~~ monitoring of the volume control is applied for several channels.
3. **(Currently amended)** A method according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterized ~~in that~~ wherein in that the multi channel filter is of 1.st order or higher.
4. **(Currently amended)** A method according to claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~, characterized ~~in that~~ wherein the multi channel filter is used for feedback management or for adaptation purposes or both.
5. **(Currently amended)** A method according to ~~any of the claims 1-4~~ claim 1, characterized ~~in that~~ wherein the gain in a manipulated frequency range is kept constant or only increased slightly.
6. **(Original)** A hearing aid comprising a housing containing a microphone, an amplifier in connection with the microphone, a receiver in

connection with the amplifier, characterized in that the amplifier comprises a multi channel type of filter, a control system for monitoring the gain in at least one channel, and control means for controlling the volume control in at least one channel.

7. **(Original)** A hearing aid according to claim 6, characterized in that the determining of the maximum gain before feedback occurs and the controlling the volume control is applied for several channels.

8. **(Currently amended)** A hearing aid according to claim 6 ~~or 7~~, characterized ~~in that~~ wherein the multi-channel filter is of 1.st order or higher order.

9. **(Currently amended)** A hearing aid according to claim 6, ~~7 or 8~~, characterized ~~in that~~ wherein the multi channel filter is adapted for both feedback management and adaptation purposes.